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SUBJ: 600 AFRICAN WORKERS FIRED FOLLOWING STRIKE AT
MOBENI NEAR DURBAN

1. MANAGEMENT AT NATAL COTTON AND WOOLLEN MILLS AT MOBENI
PRESENTLY IN PROCESS REPLACING ENTIRE FACTORY LABOR FORCE
FOLLOWING DISMISSAL OF MORE THAN 600 AFRICAN LABORERS.

2. ACCORDING PRRESS REPORTS, 400 DAY SHIFT WORKERS REFUSED
COMMENCE WORK YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. IN COORDINATION WITH
POLICE, AND FOLLOWING UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS BY DEPT. OF LABOR
REPS. TO NEGOTIATE ITS RETURN TO WORK, ENTIRE DAY SHIFT
ORDERED OFF MILL PREMISES AND PAID OFF. 200 NIGHT SHIFT
WORKERS, CONSTITUTING BALANCE OF TOTAL LABOR FORCE, IN
SUMPATY WITH DAY SHIFT ALSO DISMISSED FOLLOWING REFUSAL
TO WORK CAUSING TOTAL STOPPAGE IN MILL PRODUCTION.

3. SITUATION REPORTEDLY CAME ABOUT AS RESULT OF DISSATIS-
FACTION WITH ACTIONS OF ONE WHITE FACTORY EMPLOYEE BY BLACK
LABORERS.

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